

CITY *Visions*

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Now Is The Time To Take Action In The Energy Crisis

*The California Energy Shortfall
Is Real. It Is Here. It Is Serious.*

WHILE THERE is controversy about who is responsible for the crisis and how much it is costing us, there is widespread agreement that energy conservation will help get us through it. Now is the time for responsible citizens to reduce their own consumption of energy. Here are some easy, beginning steps:

- TURN OFF THE AIR CONDITIONER AND TURN ON FANS. SMALL TABLE TOP FANS AND CEILING FANS ONLY USE THE SAME ENERGY AS A REGULAR LIGHT BULB AND FAR LESS ENERGY THAN AIR CONDITIONING.
- COMPLETE ENERGY DRAINING CHORES, SUCH AS RUNNING THE DISHWASHER AND DOING LAUNDRY, IN THE LATE EVENING OR EARLY MORNING.
- CONSIDER AIR-DRYING SOME OF YOUR LAUNDRY.
- IF YOU HAVE A POOL, DON'T USE YOUR ELECTRIC HEATERS.
CONSIDER INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS. THE CORRECT TEMPERATURE FOR POOL WATER IS 72 DEGREES. NOT ONLY DOES THIS SAVE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF ENERGY, BUT YOU WILL USE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS CHEMICALS AS WELL.
- CLOSE WINDOW SHADES DURING THE AFTERNOON.
- TURN OFF EQUIPMENT, LIKE PRINTERS AND COMPUTERS, WHEN YOU AREN'T USING THEM.
- CONSOLIDATE YOUR FREEZER/REFRIGERATOR ITEMS INTO ONE UNIT.

The City has printed attractive and colorful guidebooks to provide you with additional ideas. Call 779-7247 or e-mail environ@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov to request your copy of *Energy Savers*.



WHAT IS THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL DOING TO REDUCE ITS OWN USE OF ENERGY?

The City has developed an internal task force that has evaluated the City's use of energy. Over half of the City's energy use is the direct result of pumping water for delivery to your home or business. (Yes, saving water saves energy.) Other significant uses, including traffic signals, street lights, and wastewater pumping, cannot be practically reduced.

***“BUSINESS AS USUAL DOES NOT APPLY
THIS SUMMER FOR CALIFORNIA
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While lighting, heating, and cooling energy for City buildings accounts for less than 10% of the City's overall use, it is still a significant amount of energy and City staff are working to aggressively conserve.

Thermostats have been raised, lights have been turned off, and a comprehensive energy audit is underway. Additional efficiency enhancements will be installed pending the results of the audit. ☘

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Block Grants Provided to Local Agencies

THE COMMUNITY Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) was created by the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. A wide variety of housing and housing-related activities have been funded nationally including construction of new affordable housing units, rehabilitation of affordable housing, construction of neighborhood centers, removal of architectural barriers for the elderly and the disabled, fair housing services, emergency/transitional shelters, and other public services.

All CDBG projects must:

- benefit low and very low income persons;
- help eliminate slums or blight; or
- meet an urgent need such as a threat to community health or welfare for which no other funds are available.

The City of Morgan Hill has participated in the CDBG program since 1977 and will receive \$180,874 for FY2001-2002

The City Council awarded CDBG funds to the following worthy programs for FY2001-2002:

City of Morgan Hill for the replacement of playground hardscape and furnishing not in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements at Community, Diana, Galvan and Sanchez Parks. (\$79,476)

City of Morgan Hill for the East Central Avenue Upgrades project which will install curbs, gutters, sidewalks, streetlights and new pavement on East Central Avenue between Monterey Road and McLaughlin Avenue. (\$64,731)



Catholic Charities for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program which provides advocacy, complaint investigation, and problem resolution services for elderly residents in Morgan Hill's Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living/Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly. (\$2,300)

Second Harvest Food Bank for the Brown Bag Program which provides a bag of groceries each week, nutrition and consumer education seminars, and a quarterly nutrition and education newsletter to income-eligible and/or disabled seniors. (\$3,300)

Emergency Housing Consortium for the Shelter and Services Program which provides emergency and transitional shelter and related services to Morgan Hill residents who have become homeless. (\$11,767)

Live Oak Adult Day Services for the Adult Day Care Program which provides care and recreation in a protected environment to frail and dependent seniors. The Adult Day Care Program offers respite and support to care givers of the dependent senior enabling the care giver to pursue their professional and personal responsibilities while maintaining their dependent senior relative in the family home. (\$3,800)

MACSA, Inc. for the El Toro Youth Center and Friday Night Jams which provides tutoring, leadership-building skills, participatory recreation, and health, mental health, and substance abuse education for school aged children. Friday Night Jams provides "at risk" youth a positive alternative to gangs, drugs, alcohol, frustration and simple boredom. (\$15,000)

South County Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Project introduces residents to the concepts of Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness for neighborhood self-sufficiency during times of natural or man-made disasters, trains neighborhood residents in local response team techniques, publishes and translates the Home and Personal Manual on disaster preparedness, and assists neighborhoods in organizing Disaster Response Teams. (\$500). ☎





Morgan Hill School Is On The Move

Morgan Hill Municipal Code On The Web

***EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO
KNOW ABOUT OUR LOCAL ORDINANCES
FROM ANIMAL CONTROL...TO ZONING,
BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK***

FOR EASY access to the Municipal Code, simply log on to the City's web site at <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/> and open up the link titled "City's Municipal Code." There you will find an updated version of the City's Municipal Code organized by subject matter. 📧

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THINGS ARE moving at the Old Morgan Hill School. The building will be relocated from its current location to the southwest corner of Llagas and Hale Avenues. It will be completely rehabilitated by the developer, Llagas Valley Investors, for use as a private elementary school.

There is a lot of work and planning that goes into moving a 16,000 square structure approximately two miles on City streets. First, the building was prepared for the move and sectioned-off. The northern wing was cut into four pieces and placed on steel beams awaiting the move. Similar preparations will occur for the southern wing.

Before any building can be moved on City streets, the route must be predetermined and approved by the City of Morgan Hill and the affected utility companies, such as PG&E and Verizon. Arrangements must be made for utility lines to be moved out of the path of the building. Moves like this usually occur in the middle of the night on a weekend in order to cause the least disruption to traffic flow.

The developer plans on completing the project by September 2001 for the start of the school year. The groundbreaking for the City's new Community Center, which will occupy the current school site, will also occur in September. 📧

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How Would You Like To Save Energy, Save Water And Be Wiser?

THE SANTA Clara Valley Water District's Water-Wise House Call program can help you save water and energy. We think it's a wise idea to participate.

This free program brings a trained technician to your home to check for leaks and give you customized water-use tips and outdoor watering schedules. Previous participants have lowered their water use by an average of 11,000 gallons per year. That translates into great savings for you!

Residents of single-family homes, condominiums, town houses, apartments and mobile homes are invited to participate. To sign up, just call the district's water conversion hotline at 265-2607, extension 2340, or send an electronic request by completing the form at www.scvwd.dst.ca.us/wtrcnsvr/res/surveyform.cfm. Please have your water company account number available. Water-Wise House Calls are available Tuesday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Is There a Helmet On Your Head?

A HOUSE CALL WILL:

- MEASURE YOUR SHOWERHEAD FLOW RATES AND INSTALL FREE SHOWERHEADS IF REQUESTED.
- MEASURE FAUCET FLOW RATES AND PROVIDE FAUCET AERATORS FOR KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS.
- CHECK YOUR TOILET FOR LEAKS AND INSTALL TANK DISPLACEMENT DEVICES IF NEEDED.
- EVALUATE THE EFFICIENCY OF YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM.
- PROVIDE YOU WITH A PERSONALIZED IRRIGATION SCHEDULE IF APPROPRIATE.
- IDENTIFY IRRIGATION LEAKS, BROKEN OR MISMATCHED SPRINKLER HEADS, HIGH PRESSURE AND OTHER COMMON PROBLEMS.
- PROVIDE WATER CONSERVATION MATERIALS AND WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING TIPS. 🏡

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WITH THE upcoming hotter days and nights, the City would like to remind everyone to wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle or skateboard. In addition to providing protection during a fall, most bicycle helmets are made of light reflective material which make it easier for drivers to see you in the daytime as well as nighttime.

For those parents that don't wear helmets, here are some facts; 81% of those children that see their parents wearing their helmets will ride with their helmets on with or without the parents being there. When you don't wear your helmets, only 50% of those children will wear their helmets.

Remember to obey all the traffic laws because you share the road with other vehicles. It is also the law that children under 18 must wear an approved bicycle helmet while riding a bicycle. Remember, not all skateboard helmets are approved bicycle helmets. 🏠

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Summertime Fire Hazard Prevention

FIRE HYDRANTS READY FOR EMERGENCIES

It's around this time of the year that Fire crews begin their annual testing of fire hydrants around the community to ensure that they're working properly. This can cause your water to temporarily have a rusty or sediment color. If this discoloration appears, all you need to do is to let your tap run until your water starts running clear. However, if problems persist, then please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works Department at 776-7337.

OVERGROWN WEEDS ARE FIRE DANGER

As we approach the long, hot days of summer, one of the contributors to fire danger is weed overgrowth in a variety of open spaces and city lots. Combined with high winds, a small fire can rapidly spread to neighboring areas, leading to significant property damage that might otherwise have been prevented.

To ensure that the potential fire hazard from these areas is controlled to the extent possible, the Public Works Department has contracted with Santa Clara County for weed abatement services.

The city is asking homeowners and lot owners to assist in this effort and enhance overall community safety by taking care of any overgrown weed problems. Since this is a matter of community safety, it may occasionally be necessary to issue official notifications requiring the removal of weeds. 📧

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CHANNEL 17 LOCAL PROGRAMMING GUIDE

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS	SPECIAL SESSION:	7/11 7PM LIVE
		7/12 NOON REPLAY
		7/15 NOON REPLAY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS	REGULAR SESSION:	7/25 7PM LIVE
		7/26 NOON REPLAY
		7/29 NOON REPLAY
RECYCLING HOUR	REGULAR SESSION:	7/10 7PM LIVE
		7/11 NOON REPLAY
		7/14 NOON REPLAY
THE MORGAN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEMORIE (1 HOUR VERSION)	REGULAR SESSION:	7/24 7PM LIVE
		7/25 NOON REPLAY
		7/28 NOON REPLAY
RECYCLING HOUR		9:30AM & 3:30PM DAILY
THE MORGAN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEMORIE (1 HOUR VERSION)		10:30AM & 5:30PM DAILY

Poppy Jasper Finds Its Way Home

A LARGE specimen of Poppy Jasper, a rock native to Morgan Hill, was spotted some time ago in a rock shop in Cupertino. Rick Page, a Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation Commissioner, spotted the rock and decided it belonged back in Morgan Hill where it originated from. After some negotiations with the shop owner, Mr. Page was offered a discounted purchase price. Excited about the prospects, he discussed this with Peter Anderson, another loyal local, about the possibility of "bringing the rock home."

In addition to Page and Anderson, this 18-month project involved many other local residents including Bill Tykol, Evelyn Kobayashi and Ruth Johnson. This group then worked with the Morgan Hill Historical Society for sponsorship which resulted in a successful fundraising campaign within the community.

The efforts of these devoted individuals resulted in the prize coming home to Morgan Hill. A beautiful display case was built to accommodate this fine specimen and can be viewed in locations around Morgan Hill in the coming months. At the request of the Morgan Hill Historical Society, the City Council designated the Poppy Jasper as the City's Official Gem.

Please drop by City Hall during the month of July to see this fine example of Poppy Jasper and to read the plaque listing the names of those citizens that assisted in this effort. It is truly a sight to be seen! 📧

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- **CITY OFFICES CLOSED**
- **REGULAR GARBAGE & RECYCLING SCHEDULES**

JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS

TUESDAY, JULY 3, PATRIOTIC SING

6-7 P.M. AT THE BRITTON* SCHOOL GYM, MONTEREY & KEYSTONE (A HEARTWARMING PERFORMANCE BY MORGAN HILL'S SCHOOLCHILDREN).

TUESDAY, JULY 3, OLD FASHIONED STREET DANCE

7 P.M. DOWNTOWN, MONTEREY AT SECOND. (FOOD, DRINK, FRIENDS, LIVE BAND, DANCING). GET IN THE MOOD TO PARTY!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 5000 METER RACE/WALK

8 A.M. START. DAY REG. PACKETS AT P.A. WALSH SCHOOL, 350 W. MAIN FROM 6:45 TO 7:45 A.M. PANCAKE BREAKFAST 6:30 TO 10.

JULY 4, THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE

10 A.M. MONTEREY TO MAIN TO PEAK TO W. DUNNE. AT 107 YEARS OLD, OUR PARADE IS THE OFFICIAL SANTA CLARA COUNTY PARADE.

JULY 4, FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

11 A.M. TO 5 P.M. GALVAN PARK, HALE AND CREST, JUST OFF WEST MAIN. LIVE BANDS, FOOD, DRINKS, ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE KIDS, CRAFTS AND THE EVER-POPULAR "DOUSE THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS TANK". THE BEST WAY TO WAIT FOR DARK.

JULY 4, FIREWORKS & ENTERTAINMENT!

6 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M. AT MORGAN HILL'S COMMUNITY PARK, ON EDMUNDSON, NEAR MONTEREY. LIVE BAND, PATRIOTIC SINGING, FOOD AND DRINK (SORRY, NO ALCOHOL) AND THE HUGE PYROTECHNIC DISPLAY! CLOSE-IN PARKING \$5.

Pick up the Official IDI Program available at all events. Except for Fireworks, all events are in downtown Morgan Hill (Monterey Road, west of 101, north of E. Dunne and south of Wright)

For information: visit the official Independence Inc. www.MHIDI.COM or phone 408-779-3387

Many volunteers are still needed to help produce these events. Get a group of friends together and enjoy the day a whole new way - volunteer.

**There is a slight chance that the Patriotic Sing will be held at Live Oak instead of Britton; Stay tuned.*

Morgan Hill's Fourth of July Celebrations are co-sponsored by IDI and the City of Morgan Hill

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Job Hotline	779-7276
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